

CLAIMS

1. A rod hanger adapter selectively mounted to an associated cabinet, the rod hanger adapter comprising:

a first wall comprising an opening for mounting the rod hanger adapter to a wall of said associated cabinet; and,

5 a second wall spaced from and at least substantially parallel to the first wall, wherein the second wall includes a slot for receiving an associated rod, said second wall being connected to said first wall.

2. The rod hanger adapter of claim 1, further comprising a third wall connecting said first wall to said second wall, said third wall substantially perpendicular to said first and second walls.

3. The rod hanger adapter of claim 2, further comprising a fourth wall spaced from and substantially parallel to said second wall, and a fifth wall connecting said second and fourth wall.

4. The rod hanger adapter of claim 1, wherein a longitudinal axis of the opening is aligned with a longitudinal axis of the slot.

5. The rod hanger adapter of claim 1, wherein a longitudinal axis of the opening is offset from a longitudinal axis of the slot.

6. The rod hanger adapter of claim 1, wherein the opening includes a linear upper edge.

7. The rod hanger adapter of claim 3, wherein the fourth wall includes a notch.

8. The rod hanger adapter of claim 7, wherein the notch is formed in a lower edge of said fourth wall.

9. The rod hanger adapter of claim 8, wherein a longitudinal axis of the notch is aligned with a longitudinal axis of the opening.

10. The rod hanger adapter of claim 9, wherein a longitudinal axis of the notch is offset from a longitudinal axis of the slot.

11. The rod hanger adapter of claim 2, wherein the slot formed in the second wall extends into the third wall.

12. The rod hanger adapter of claim 1, wherein the slot comprises a rounded lower edge.

13. The rod hanger adapter of claim 1, wherein the adapter is formed from a single piece of metal.

14. A method for selectively hanging a rod in a cabinet, wherein the cabinet includes lances on side walls thereof, the method comprising:

5 mounting a first rod hanger adapter comprising an opening in a wall of said adapter to a first side wall of the cabinet by placing one of the lances through the opening such that the first rod hanger adapter hangs from and supported by the lance;

10 mounting a second rod hanger adapter comprising an opening in a wall of said second adapter to a second side wall of the cabinet opposite the first side wall by placing another one of the lances through the opening such that the second rod hanger adapter hangs from and is supported by the lance; and

placing a rod in the slots of the first and second rod hanger adapters, said slots being aligned with each other along a common longitudinal axis.

15. A rod hanger adapter for selective mounting to a cabinet, the rod hanger adapter comprising:

5 a first wall including an opening for mounting the rod hanger adapter to a wall of an associated cabinet;

a second wall spaced from and at least substantially parallel to the first wall, wherein the second wall includes a slot for receiving an associated rod;

a third wall spaced from and at least substantially parallel to the second wall;

10 a fourth wall interconnecting the first wall to the second wall, wherein the slot in the second wall extends into the fourth wall; and

a fifth wall interconnecting the second wall to the third wall.